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# PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Summary of work in Chinatown for the week ended November 14.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., *November 16, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Following is record of work in Chinatown for week ended November 14:

Buildings reinspected.....	261
Rooms .....	2, 049
Persons inspected .....	2, 147
Sick .....	27
Sick prescribed for at Oriental Dispensary.....	14
Dead examined .....	3
Necropsies .....	2
Provisional diagnosis of pest .....	1
Rats examined bacteriologically .....	60
Number showing pest infection.....	2
Places limed and disinfected .....	1, 696
Times streets swept.....	3
Sewers flushed .....	16
Notices to abate plumbing nuisances.....	15
Plumbing nuisances abated .....	14
Undergoing abatement.....	20
Total number plumbing inspections.....	96

BLUE.

*Plague deaths at San Francisco bacteriologically confirmed.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., *November 13, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Diagnosis bacteriologically confirmed in case 108, died November 4, 1903.

BLUE.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., *November 18, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Diagnosis bacteriologically confirmed in case 110, died November 7.

BLUE.

*Transactions on account of yellow fever at Laredo and San Antonio.*

EL PASO.

EL PASO, TEX., *November 17, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Texas discontinued its two sanitary guards at this point.

ALEXANDER.

HOUSTON.

HOUSTON, TEX., *November 15, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

State health authorities meet San Antonio to-morrow to consider State situation and measures needed. Local authorities invite me to accompany them; no expense. Would leave to-night, return Tuesday morning. Ask if my going is approved.

EBERSOLE.

WASHINGTON, *November 15, 1903.*EBERSOLE, *Rice Hotel, Houston, Tex.:*

Proceed to San Antonio and return, as requested.

WYMAN.

LAREDO.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 11, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases, 15; old cases, 7; total reported to-day, 22; deaths, none; 81 houses disinfected with 229 rooms; 432 houses inspected, 536 containers, 7 tanks, 57 excavations, and 113 premises oiled; 290 premises inspected, 36 faucets put in barrels, 32 barrels of crude oil sprinkled on vacant lots and intervening streets, covering 70 city blocks. Oilers of containers are now covering the city for the fourth time. Maximum temperature 82°, minimum 65°. Cannel reports 1 new case, making a total of 12 to date. No report from New Laredo or Minera. Twelve volunteer inspectors reported for duty and were assigned. Tabor arrived this morning; several conferences were held during day. The principal object was to devise means for thorough inspection of city and prompt notification of cases. Differences of opinion, whether paid or volunteer best. Tabor declined to incur expense of paid service, but expressed willingness to have Service institute it. \* \* \* Murray returned from Monterey to-night. Doctor Nixon died this morning.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 12, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases, 12; old cases, 8; total reported to-day, 20; deaths, none; 76 houses disinfected, with 238 rooms; 403 houses and 1,087 persons inspected; 550 containers, 3 tanks, 109 excavations, and 171 premises oiled; 54 faucets put in barrels; 384 premises inspected; 31 barrels of crude oil sprinkled on vacant lots and intervening streets, covering 89 city blocks. Maximum temperature, 88°; minimum, 45°. New Laredo reports 2 cases and 1 death. Two new cases reported at Cannel and 2 at Minera.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 13, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases, 11; old cases, 20; total reported to-day, 31; deaths, 4. The increase is due to the work of the volunteer inspectors. Ninety-seven of these were on duty to-day and did good work. Am surprised that the number of cases discovered is not greater. Ninety-three houses, with 305 rooms, disinfected; 633 containers, 2 tanks, 93 excavations, and 125 premises oiled; 370 premises inspected; 42 faucets applied to barrels; 39 barrels of crude oil sprinkled on streets and vacant lots, covering 85 city blocks. Maximum temperature, 96°;

minimum, 56°. Nothing new at New Laredo. Minera reports 7 new cases; Cannel, 2 new cases.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 14, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases, 10; old cases, 15; total reported to-day, 25; deaths, 1; 71 houses disinfected, with 288 rooms; 658 containers, 92 excavations, 8 tanks, and 136 premises oiled; 381 premises inspected; 33 faucets put in water barrels; 34 barrels crude oil sprinkled on vacant lots and streets, covering 74 blocks. Maximum temperature, 96°; minimum, 58°. New Laredo reports 1 death and no new cases; nothing new at Cannel. No report from Minera. Volunteer inspection service proving a marked success.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 15, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases, 18; old cases, 4; total reported to-day, 22; deaths, 2; 55 houses disinfected, with 237 rooms. Maximum temperature, 93°; minimum, 51°. No report Minera or Cannel. New Laredo reports nothing new.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 15, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Murray badly injured in runaway. Fracture of clavicle, scapula, and both bones of right leg; severe contusions around shoulder. Now resting easily at Mercy Hospital. Guiteras escaped with a general shaking up and a few contusions.

GUITERAS.

WASHINGTON, *November 15, 1903.*

GUITERAS, *Laredo, Tex.:*

Express to Murray my sympathy and that of the Bureau and inform me if there is anything we can do in his behalf. Trust your own injuries will not prove serious.

WYMAN.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 16, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases, 17; old cases, 5; total reported, 22; deaths, 6; 83 houses disinfected, with 364 rooms; 391 containers, 156 excavations, 10 wells, and 38 premises oiled; 28 faucets put in barrels; 372 premises inspected; 29 barrels of crude oil sprinkled on vacant lots and intervening streets, covering 74 city blocks. Maximum temperature, 90°; minimum, 69°. Minera reports 4 new cases Saturday and 4 Sunday. Cannel reports 1 new case. New Laredo reports nothing new.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 16, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Please add to last night's report 690 containers, 202 excavations, and 1 tank oiled, 102 premises inspected, 20 faucets put in water barrels, 30 barrels of crude oil sprinkled on vacant lots and intervening streets, covering 74 city blocks.

GUITERAS.

LAREDO, TEX., *November 17, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

New cases, 33; old cases, 4; total reported, 37; deaths, 2; 72 houses disinfected, with 245 rooms; 520 containers, 125 excavations, 4 tanks, 6 wells, and 29 premises oiled; 6 faucets put in barrels; 191 premises inspected; 25 barrels crude oil sprinkled on vacant lots and intervening streets, covering 118 city blocks. Maximum temperature, 68°; minimum, 54°. Cannel reports 2 cases. No report from Minera. New Laredo reports nothing new.

GUITERAS.

SAN ANTONIO.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 12, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

One case in third day of disease; no deaths reported to-day; temperature, 43° and 68°; light frost last night.

RICHARDSON.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 13, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

One case, 2 deaths to-day. Case was found after death and had no medical attention. Temperature, 44° and 78°.

RICHARDSON.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 14, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

One case, 1 death to-day. This case was discovered after death. Temperature, 66° and 86°.

RICHARDSON.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 15, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

No case, no death to-day. Temperature, 70° and 87°.

RICHARDSON.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 16, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

No case, no death to-day; temperature, 70° and 88°; conference county health officers here to-day to discuss raising quarantine; no action yet taken. Tabor in Austin.

RICHARDSON.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 17, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

No case, no death to-day. Death was reported from pernicious malarial fever. Did not see case, but regard this as suspicious. Temperatures 48° and 82°. Killing frost predicted to-night.

RICHARDSON.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 18, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

No cases, no deaths to-day. Temperatures 31° and 54°.

RICHARDSON.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 18, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

State quarantine against San Antonio raised at noon to-day. Several counties still holding their quarantines.

RICHARDSON.

*All cases of fever have been screened at San Antonio.*

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., *November 19, 1903.*WYMAN, *Washington:*

Referring Bureau letter sixteenth, all physicians agreed to screen all febrile cases. The city furnishes nets to patients unable to purchase. Believe screening sick bed has been very generally done. All cases I have seen were screened.

RICHARDSON.

*Summary of weekly transactions at El Paso.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Lumsden reports as follows for the week ended November 7, 1903:

Of the 392 passengers inspected on the trains of the Mexican Central Railroad 2 had recently been in the yellow fever infected districts of Mexico. These passengers (man and wife) were en route from Saltillo, Mexico, to Los Angeles, Cal.

Prior to going to Saltillo they were in Monterey. As they presented satisfactory evidence that more than five and a half days had elapsed since they were in Monterey, or any other place infected with yellow fever, they were allowed to proceed without detention.

In the "summary" the number of Mexican immigrants inspected is left blank, because it is not practicable to obtain from the immigration office definite data as to the number of Mexicans inspected who were actually immigrants in time for this report. This will be covered, however, in the monthly report of inspection of immigrants.

During the week the quarantine inspection has continued smoothly as usual, and nothing of particular interest has developed.

The weather during the week has been cool and dry. The lowest average temperature reached during the twenty-four hours of the seven days has been about 34° F.

I have kept in touch with the local health authorities but have heard of no suspicious illnesses among the persons who have come here from San Antonio, Tex.

Summary of transactions for the weeks ended October 31 and November 7, 1903:

	Oct. 31.	Nov. 7.
Mexican Central passengers inspected.....	393	392
Mexican immigrants inspected.....	152	.....
Inspection of soiled linen imported for laundry.....pieces..	297	.....
Chinaman inspected.....	1	.....